

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

March 19, 2009

General Craig R. McKinley  
Chief, National Guard Bureau  
1411 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington VA 22202-3231

Dear General McKinley:

We are writing to you today to request you consider the needs of the Indiana Army National Guard (INARNG) when deciding the distribution of the more than \$290 million in Operation and Maintenance funding the National Guard Bureau will receive as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Nothing is more integral to the success of our troops than proper training. Providing our servicemen and women realistic training scenarios here at home helps ensure they are duly prepared for the challenges they will face in a deployed environment. Facilities at two such critical training locations are in dire need of maintenance. We ask that you consider providing two integral INARNG locations with funding needed for upkeep and repairs as well as provide a needed economic boost to their surrounding areas.

First, Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC) requires approximately \$15.2 million for building repair and maintenance. As you may already know, MUTC is a full-immersion contemporary urban training environment near Butlerville, Indiana. It serves as an excellent training location and would use this funding to address an array of facility needs.

Second, Camp Atterbury needs approximately \$5.4 million for building and road repair. Camp Atterbury is the home of the INARNG's Joint Maneuver Training Center in Columbus, Indiana. This funding would go a long way to ensuring a safer installation for our troops.

We would also request that you alert out offices when Recovery funds are released from the National Guard Bureau to INARNG.

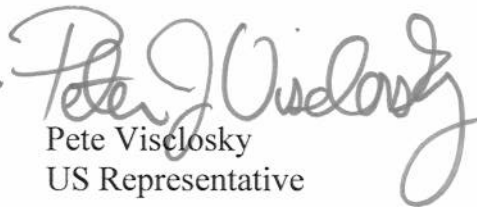
Please do not hesitate to contact any of our offices or the INARNG leadership if you would like more information on these projects.

Thank you for your continued service.

Sincerely,



Evan Bayh  
US Senator



Pete Visclosky  
US Representative



Baron Hill  
US Representative



Joe Donnelly  
US Representative



Brad Ellsworth  
US Representative



André Carson  
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